

## MOTOR VEHICLES (SPEED LIMIT) RULES 1989

[PU (A) 25/1989]

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 66 of the Road Transport Act 1987, the Minister makes the following rules:

### 1. Citation and commencement.

These Rules may be cited as the **Motor Vehicles (Speed Limit) Rules, 1989** and shall come into force on the 1st February 1989.

### 2. Definition. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires

"goods vehicle" shall have the same meaning as assigned to that expression in the Commercial Vehicles Licensing Board Act 1987;

"highways" means the roads described in the Schedule to the National Speed Limit Order 1989;

"motor van" means a motor vehicle described in rule 2 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Rules 1959;

"passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle constructed for the carriage of passengers and their effects;

"semi trailer" means a vehicle having no front axle and so attached to a motor vehicle that part of the trailer is superimposed on such motor vehicle and a substantial part of the weight of the trailer and its load are borne by the motor vehicle.

### 3. Motor vehicles not to be driven in excess of speed limit.

(1) Notwithstanding any speed limit prescribed for any road under *[Ain. PU (A) any written law*, no motor vehicle shall be driven on any road at a *981981* speed in excess of the speed set out in the Schedule for that type of motor vehicle.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-sub-item I (a)(ii) of the Schedule, if an excursion bus or an express bus is driven in excess of the speed as set out in the Schedule, a proceeding against the driver or registered owner of such bus

shall only be taken under these Rules if the speed exceeds the limit of 80 kilometres per hour in the case of a matter under the column of "*Other roads*" as set out in the Schedule.

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(3) Notwithstanding sub-sub-item I (a) (ii), (iv) or (b)(i) of the Schedule, if a Government vehicle as may be determined by the Minister is driven in excess of the speed as set out in the Schedule, a proceeding against the driver or registered owner of such vehicle shall only be taken under these Rules if such vehicle exceeds the limit of 70 or 80 kilometres per hour, as the case may be, in the case of a matter under the column of "*Other roads*" as set out in the Schedule.

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(4) However if an excursion bus or an express bus or any Government vehicle is driven in excess of the speed limit of 90 kilometres per hour in the case of a matter under the column of "*Roads described in Schedule to National Speed Limit Order 1989*" as set out in the Schedule, a proceeding against the driver or registered owner of such bus shall be taken under rule 9 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction, Equipment and Use) (Speed Monitoring Device) Rules 1998.

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(5) If a proceeding is instituted under subrule (4), no proceeding shall be taken against any driver or registered owner under these Rules.

#### **4. Exemption.**

Rule 3 shall not apply to any motor vehicle when it is being used for urgent fire brigade, ambulance, customs, police or road transport enforcement purposes if compliance with the said rule would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on such occasion.

**5. Revocation.** The Motor Vehicles (Speed Limit) Rules 1959 are hereby revoked.

## SCHEDULE

(Rule 3)

<i>Class of Vehicle</i>	<i>Maximum Speed (kilometres per hour)</i>	
	<i>Roads described in Schedule to National Speed Limit Order 1989</i>	<i>Other roads</i>
1. Motor vehicles fitted with pneumatic tyres on all wheels:		
(a) passenger vehicles		
(i) having a seating capacity not exceeding twelve persons, including the driver, and used for hire or reward	110	90
(ii) having a seating capacity exceeding twelve persons, including the driver	90	80
(iii) when drawing a trailer	80	70
(iv) motor van	90	80
(b) goods vehicles (rigid or arti- culated)—		
(i) when not drawing a trailer or semi-trailer and the maximum permissible laden weight of which does not exceed 7,500 kilogrammes	90	80
(ii) when not drawing a trailer or semi-trailer and the maximum permissible laden weight of which exceeds 7,500 kilogrammes	80	70
(iii) when drawing a trailer or semi-trailer, excluding a trailer drawn by land tractor	80	70
(iv) 3 wheelers including motor cycles with side cars	70	60

<i>Class of Vehicle</i>	<i>Maximum Speed (kilometres per hour)</i>	
	<i>Roads described in Schedule to National Speed Limit Order 1989</i>	<i>Other roads</i>
(c) recovery trucks, mobile cranes and other mobile machineries, vehicles drawing mobile machinery trailers or semi-trailers	80	70
(d) land tractors with or without a trailer	50	40
2. Motor vehicles fitted with solid rubber tyres	half the speeds specified in paragraph 1	half the speeds specified in paragraph I
3. Motor vehicles not fitted with either pneumatic tyres or with solid rubber tyres	20	20

For the purposes of this Schedule

- (a) a motor vehicle shall be deemed to be fitted with solid rubber tyres if one or more of its wheels are fitted with solid rubber tyres and the remaining wheels are fitted with the pneumatic tyres;
- (b) a motor vehicle shall be deemed to be not fitted with either pneumatic tyres or with solid rubber tyres if any of its wheels is not fitted with either pneumatic tyres or with solid rubber tyres or if such vehicle is a track laying vehicle.

Made the 19th January 1989.